PETITION

OF THE INHABITANTS OF CYRENCESTER

whose names are *subscribed.*

Presented to His Maiestie *at Oxford.*

WITH

HIS MAIESTYES

Answer thereunto.

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TO

THE KING'S *MOST EXCELLENT* MAJESTY.

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of CYRENCESTER.

DREAD SOVERAIGNE,

WEE *Your poore Subjects the Inhabitants of the miserable distressed* Cyrencester, *having undergone all the heavy effects of* Your Majesties *justly incensed Army, do prostrate our selves at* Your Majesties *feet, not to excuse, or in the least measure to extenuate our ill-deservings. We acknowledge us unexcusably faulty, but to appeale unto* Your *mercy, and to beg* Your *pardon, That as we have been through all* Your *Kingdomes the first example of* Your *justly de-*

ſerved Rigor, and the terrour thereof working its due effect upon all others, to deterre them from provoking Your like diſpleaſure, we may remaine Your moſt remarkable object of Your mercy, the moſt glorious and reſplendant gemme of Your Crowne. Oh, Sir, the God of Heaven hath given You unto us our God upon the earth. We have grievouſly ſinned againſt him by our undutifull carriage againſt You his Vicegerent. Behold us now lying before You, acknowledging, and from our hearts deteſting the foulenes of our offence, and our ſelves for committing it. And moſt humbly beſeeching Your Majeſty in imitation of that Divine vertue, the moſt lively Character of his Image in You, to Pardon us, and to receive us into Your protection. In the aſſurance whereof, wee may ſecurely returne to, and abide at our ſeverall homes, begin to goe on in our former Trades and Occupations, and, by Gods good bleſſing upon us, in them many hundreds of People of our Towne and adjoyning parts of the County, who have no other lively-hood, may againe be ſet on worke and releived, and wee may have the hope in time, upon our after care, to endeavour to expreſſe the ſincerity of our true returne to the Duties of our Allegiance,

Allegiance, to joye in the recovery of Your *wonted Favour, and all of us, all our lives long, and our posterity after us, bound to acknowledge the height of* Your *mercy, to pray to Almighty God to blesse* Your Majesty *with all the happines which he hath promised in his sacred word, to all that shall shew mercy.*

Andrew Sollace.
Row. Freeman.
Robert Iles.
Thomas Dutton.
William Willis.
Edmund Freeman.
William Taylor.
George Stone.
Amos Dansey.
Virgill Crippes.
Thomas Gibbes.
More Gwilliam.
Edward Causton.
William Chance.
Iohn Beaton.
Edmund Feribee.
Michaell Sharp.
William Groves.
Thomas Man.
Iohn Portlocke.
Iohn Batt.
Richard Ancutt.
Edward Prat.
Iohn Kerby.
Thomas Tipping.
Iohn Petty.
Iames Armand.
Thomas Mayſey.
Richard Matthew.
Iohn Flacher.
Richard Sollace.
Thomas Man.
Thomas Cartor.
Edward Scovell.
Richard Maſters.
Iohn Francklin.
Walter Portlocks.
Richard Evans.
Iames Burge.
Thomas Allen.
Samuell Spencer.
Henry Webb.
Richard Man.
William Burge.
Michaell Hartred.
George Lawrence.

HIS MAIESTIES GRATIOUS ANSWER TO the fore-going PETITION.

At the Court at *Oxford* the 25. day of *February* 1642.

HIS MAJESTY gratiously accepts the submission of the Petitioners, & is Himself sory that the Rebellion and disloyalty of that place hath brought so great a measure of sufferings upon any of His Subjects; which was not in His Majesties power to prevent. He is well pleased that all the Inhabitants of that Towne of *Cyrencester* returne safely to their Houses, and live securely in

in them, from all violence by any of His Majesties Souldiers, that the Trade and Wealth of that place may (by Gods blessing) be again renewed. And His Majesties Will is, and doth hereby give precise Order, that no violence or Injury be henceforward offered by any of His Majesties Garrison or Souldiers to the Petitioners, or any the Inhabitants of *Cyrencester*, they demeaning themselves with that duty and obedience to His Majesties just and necessary Commands, as the condition of the present time, and His Majesties necessityes require. And His Majesties expresse Command is, That the Governor of *Cyrencester* for the time being, and all other, His Majesties Officers and Souldiers of that His Garrison, take Order and conforme themselves accordingly.

EDW. NICHOLAS.

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